

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraph as presented in the specification as most recently filed (on April 21, 2006), with the paragraph set forth below.

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FIG. 2C: Nominal 300 ng samples of DNA were aliquoted from a master batch containing surfactant and processed through commercial miniprep columns. Eluate was recycled through ~~Qiaquick~~TM-QIAquick® (PCR purification kit) columns and collected either 3 times (4, 5) or twice (6,7) or recycled through ZymocleanTM (gel DNA recovery kit) columns and collected twice (8,9). Samples were alcohol precipitated using a commercial coprecipitant, electrophoresed on 1.5% agarose gels modified with SynergelTM (synergistic gelling and sieving agent), stained with ~~SybrGold~~TM-SYBR® Gold (nucleic acid gel stain) dye, digitized on a ~~Storm 860~~TM StormTM 860 (phosphoimager) and compared to unmodified but reprecipitated samples from the same master batch (10,11). Lanes 1-3: 100,50 and 5 ng of lambda-DNA.